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Sir:


Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, respectfully request a two month extension of time (large entity) for responding to the Office Action dated September 11, 2001.

A response to the Office Action was originally due December 11, 2001. With this filing, the period for response is thus extended up to and including February 11, 2002. An Amendment is being filed concurrently herewith. A check for \$400.00, which includes the large entity extension of time fee is included herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge additional fees to SGR Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 033808.107. Similarly, please credit any overpayment to SGR Deposit Account No. 02-4300; Order No. 033808.107.

Respectfully submitted,

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